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STATE COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,

MADISON STREET, PLYMOUTH, N. C.

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Prof. C. M. Eppes has been employed as Assistant Principal.

CALENDAR, 1899—1900.

Fall Term opens Sept. 4th, 1899; closes Nov. 24th, 1899.
Winter Term opens Nov. 27th, 1899; closes Feb. 16th, 1900.
Spring Term opens Feb. 19th, 1900; closes June 8th, 1900.
Commencement, June 8th, 1900.
Examination of classes the last day of each term.
Christmas Holidays, from Dec, 22nd, 1899, to Jan. 2nd, 1900.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

December 25—Christmas.
January 1—Emancipation Day.
February 22—Washington's Birthday.
May 10—Memorial Day.
May 30—Decoration Day.
January 19—Lee's Birthday.
November 30—National Thanksgiving Day.

NOTICE.

Students are received at any time during the session. We would advise all who possibly can do so to enter at the beginning of the term, in order to commence work with the class. Those who begin with the class at the first of the term enjoy many advantages over those who enter late.

☞Be sure to read the last pages.

STATE COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL.

PLYMOUTH NORMAL SCHOOL

Was established in the year 1881, by an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina appropriating a small sum for that purpose. The same body, at its session in 1887, appropriated an additional one thousand dollars annually for its support.

THE DESIGN

of the Legislature in establishing this, as well as other Normal Schools, was to provide competent teachers for the Public Schools of the State.

THE LOCATION

of this institution at Plymouth by the State Board of Education was both wise and prudent. Probably a more convenient locality in Eastern North Carolina could not have been selected. Its situation on the Roanoke River, near Albemarle Sound, makes it one of the most accessible points in this part of the State.

THE HEALTH

of Plymouth is very good, except in the months of July and August, when chills and fever, common to all malarial districts, prevail There never has been a serious case of sickness among its students since the establishment of the school seventeen years ago. The people of Plymouth are just as healthy as elsewhere.

THE TRUTH IS,

while Plymouth, including its surburbs, contains a population of more than 2,000, yet it puzzles two physicians to make a decent living in the community. For the past 15 years the death rate has not exceeded 10 per thousand. I do not believe that any of the larger towns of North Carolina can show a better record. The students of Plymouth State Normal are seldom ever sick. During the smallpox epidemic which swept over the State there was not a single case in the town. Not a case of vaccination in the school. Not a student left school. Hence our enrollment is larger than any other school in the State, although we cut our enrollment down lower than last year's to meet the requirements of the law.

THE MAIL ACCOMMODATIONS

of Plymouth are second only to those of large cities. She can boast of five daily mails, one tri-weekly and one semi-weekly mail, as well as respectful and obliging postmistress and clerks. The town is also connected with the outside world by telegraph and railroad, and has an express office. What more can students and parents desire?

THE RELIGIOUS ADVANTAGES

are excellent. The leading denominations, viz., the Baptist, Methodist, and "Disciples," have each a decent house of worship in town, and preaching or prayer-meeting every Sabbath. The Sunday-schools are "evergreen," and are about as good as one generally finds.

BOARD

can be had in private families at from $5.00 to $7.50 per month.

THE TEXT BOOKS

used in the Normal are those recommended by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners, with the addition of such as are needed in advanced classes.

TO GAIN ADMISSION

to this school applicants must be at least fifteen years of age, and present to the Principal testimonials of good moral character. They must also possess a knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; be able to read pretty well in Holmes' Fourth Reader, and to write a legible hand. They must pledge themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating drink, tobacco, profanity, and immorality; to respect themselves, their teachers, and fellow-students; to be studious and to obey the rules of school.

EXPULSION

follows conclusive evidence that a student has knowingly and wilfully violated his pledge.

DISCIPLINE.

All rules and regulations necessary for good government of the school are rigidly and uncompromisingly enforced. Pupils are impressed from the first with the fact that prompt obedience to the teachers, and uniform respect and courtesy towards each other, will be required. The teachers endeavor, by precept and example, to instill into the young

minds a love of order, respect for proper authority, and a desire to shun every kind of vice.

THE COURSE OF STUDY

of the Plymouth Normal is short and practical, and students of average ability, who study faithfully, can easily complete it in the allotted time.

TUITION IS FREE

to all students who are residents of the State.

PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND

are requested to be present at the opening of the term, and thus save themselves and their teachers the inconvenience of a private examination which is obligatory when you enter during the session.

BOOKS.

Books can be bought in Plymouth at State List prices. If you have not already got your books you can get them after reaching Plymouth. We advise you to bring with you such school books as you have; you will thereby save money.

THE TIME

required to complete the Course of Study is three years. There is no Preparatory work. Students of average ability entering the Junior Class can easily finish the course in the allotted time, provided they lose no time out of school. Very much will depend upon the interest and industry of the student. Though one should remain in school, if he idle away half his time, it may require ten years or more to finish.

LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.

For the benefit of the students the Normal has a good Library of useful books; also a reading-room, which is kept supplied with educational, temperance, religious and secular newspapers, etc., throughout the session There will be a choice selection of books added this session which will be of great benefit and interest to the students.

NEW BUILDING.

The new building erected expressly for the accommodation of Plymouth Normal School is a large and beautiful structure, and will accommodate 250 students. (See cut on front page).

RAILROADS.

Two railroads terminate at Plymouth, thus connecting this very his-

toric town by rail with all the leading cities of the country. This fact makes Plymouth one of the leading towns of Eastern North Carolina.

NEW COURSE OF STUDY ADOPTED.

The State Board of Examiners have adopted a new Course of Study for all the Normal Schools to meet the requirements of teachers who wish to be more proficient in the art of teaching. The times demand this change and we believe it will meet the approval of all parties concerned. Let us fix our mark high, and work to it. No teacher should be satisfied with anything less than first rank in the profession.

SUGGESTIONS.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some parents in regard to the relation of teacher to pupil. We suggest that parents or guardians having sons or daughters wishing to enter Plymouth Normal would do well to call on the Principal for needed information. Never drop your children in the city to attend Plymouth Normal without notifying the Principal. Such conduct is a source of no little aggravation and many hard thoughts. Let us know what you want your child to do, and we will try to please you.

Yours Sincerely,

REV. J. W. McDONALD, A. M.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In accordance with Sec. 75 School Law 1899, we the State Board of Examiners have prepared a Course of Study for the Colored Normal Schools.

These schools are to prepare young men and young women to teach in the Public Schools and not for Primary children who ought to be in the Public Schools.

We must have competent teachers in order to do effective work.

QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PLYMOUTH STATE COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL.

1. Read intelligently in the 5th Reader.
2. Write legible hand.
3. Spell ordinary English words.
4. Primary History of the U. S.
5. Arithmetic up to and including Common and Decimal fractions.
6. Elementary Geography.
7. Must be 16 years of age.

"COURSE OF STUDY."

Each pupil to have at least 25 recitations of 40 minutes each per week. Spelling is required throughout the course 20 minutes each day.

FIRST YEAR—FALL TERM.

Arithmetic,	5	Recitations per week.
Eng. Grammar,	3	" " "
Composition,	2	" " "
Reading	5	" " "
History, U. S.	3	" " "
Geography,	2	" " "
Drawing,	2	" " "
Spelling,	5	" " "
Writing,	2	" " "

Vocal Music 15 minutes each day. Spring term the same.

SECOND YEAR—FALL TERM.

Arithmetic,	5	Recitations per week
Grammar,	3	" " "
Composition,	2	" " "
Reading,	5	" " "
Gen. History,	3	" " "

Geography,	2	"	"	"
Drawing,	2	"	"	"
Spelling,	5	"	"	"
Writing,	1	"	"	"

Vocal Music 15 minutes each day. Spring term the same.

THIRD YEAR—FALL TERM.

Algebra	3	Times	a week.
Arithmetic,	2	"	"
Composition,	3	"	"
Grammar,	2	"	"
Reading and Eng. Lit	5	"	"
N. C. History,	3	"	"
Methods of teaching,	2	"	"
History of Education,	3	"	"
Physiology,	2	"	"
Spelling,	5	"	"

Music 15 minutes each day.

THIRD YEAR—SPRING TERM.

Algebra,	3	Times	a week.
Arithmetic	2	"	"
Grammar,	2	"	"
Composition,	3	"	"
Reading and Eng. Lit.	5	"	"
N. C. History,	3	"	"
Methods of teaching,	2	"	"
History of Education.	3	"	"
Physical Geography,	2	"	"
Spelling,	5	"	"

Music 15 minutes each day.

State Board of Examiners
- C. H. MEBANE, Ch'r'm. Ex-officio.
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- J. A. CAMPBELL.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PLYMOUTH NORMAL SCHOOL LIBRARY.

N. C. Journal of Education
1. The Essentials of Method, (DeGarmo)
2. Practical Lessons in Pedagogy (Krohn)
3. History of Education (Painter)
4. Whites Elements of Pedagogy.
5. Grimm's Tales, Se'c'd 2 vols, Ginn & Co.
6. Robinson Crusoe.
7. Black Beauty.
8. Fiske's History of the U. S.
9. Bunyans Pilgrim's Progress.
10. Fifteen Decisive Battles (Creasy)
11. Dicken's Child's History of England.
12. Churche's Stories from Homer.

State Board of Examiners.

STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Eure, Sarah A.	Willow	Gates
Fagan, Sarah F.	Plymouth	Washington
Gaylord, C. J. H.	Roper	"
Jones, F. M.	Plymouth	"
Mann, William	Roper	"
Ruffin, Mary B	Quitsna	Bertie
Speller, Andrew D. *	Windsor	"

MIDDLE CLASS.

Armistead, M. L.	Plymouth	Washington
Armistead, Eugene G.	Whitford	Chester, Pa.
Armistead, E. L.	Plymouth	Washington
Bell, Hattie A.	"	"
Boyd, Mrs. Ida L.	"	"
Bullock, L. J.	Bethel	Pitt
Chance, Rhoda C.	Parmale	Martin
Cordon, J. C.	Dardens	"
Clayton, Rosa L.	Norfolk	Norfolk, Va
Eborn, A. D. C.	Plymouth	Washington
Everett Herman G.	"	"
Faulk, Geo. C.	"	"
Green, Bettie K.	Conoho	Martin
Hill Mamie S.	Sunbury	Gates
Hyman, Geo. W.	Williamston	Martin
Johnson Dora A.	Scotland Neck	Halifax
Knight, Mrs. Martha C	Willow	Gates
Lee, Martha A.	Plymouth	Washington
Mercer, E. J.	"	"
Mercer, I. L.	"	"
Martin, Virginia C.	Scuppernong	"
Moore, Mary L.	Plymouth	"
Norman, A. D.	"	"
Outlaw, Henry S.	Merry Hill	Bertie
Pettiford, Mrs. M. E.	Plymouth	Washington
Scott, Horner F.	Williamston	Martin
Smallwood, Matilda G.	Windsor	Bertie
Smallwood, Mollie P.	Quitsna	"
Staton, P. M.	Grimesoi	Pitt

* Deceased.

MIDDLE CLASS, (Continued.)

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Taylor, Mrs. Annie M.	Plymouth	Washington
Taylor, E. A.	Scotland Neck	Halifax
Towe, C. C.	Plymouth	Washington
Walker, C. M.	Belcross	Camden
Walker, E. E.	Plymouth	Washington
Walker, Jessie A.	"	"
Walker, W. W.	"	"
Webb, M. M.	"	"
Wooten, A. C.	Washington	Beaufort

JUNIOR CLASS.

Bateman, Lena	Plymouth	Washington
Beasley, Ellen C	"	"
Bishop, Mrs. Alice V.	"	"
Bond, Mary L.	Quitsna	Bertie
Brooks, Nancy J.	Plymouth	Washington
Brown, A. D.	Bethel	Pitt
Burnett, W. D.	Plymouth	Washington
Chance, M. V	Everetts	Martin
Clayton, M. V.	Norfolk	Norfolk, Va
Clayton, M B.	"	"
Cooper, B M.	Plymouth	Washington
Davis, C D	"	"
Everett, Iola	"	"
Everett C. R	"	"
Fagan, G. L	"	"
Faulk, S. O.	"	"
Freeman, T. M.	Windsor	Bertie
Garrett, Eva V.	Plymouth	Washington
Garrett, H. O	"	"
Gilliam, Lucy J.	Windsor	Bertie
Goganus, M L	Williamston	Martin
Harrison, N. H.	Plymouth	Washington
Hargrove, Lula	Windsor	Bertie
Hassell, Mrs. Mamie	Plymouth	Washington
Heath, R. E.	Williamston	Martin
Hill, L M.	Scuppernong	Washington
Howcott, Willie H	Plymouth	"
Hyman, L. A.	Williamston	Martin
Hyman, W. T.	Conoho	"
James, W. R.	Pardens	"

JUNIOR CLASS, (Continued.)

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Jennett, R. A.	Plymouth	Washington
Jones, Laura	"	"
Johnson, H. V.	"	"
Knight, Chaney	"	"
Lassiter, A. E.	Sunbury	Gates
Lee, Prudie	Windsor	Bertie
Lee, Lottie C.	"	"
McCollock, M. L.	Winsteadville	Beaufort
Mitchell, W. R.	Windsor	Bertie
Mills, Mahala	Plymouth	Washington
Moore, C. R.	"	"
Morgan, Abram	"	"
Norman, L. D.	"	"
Outerbridge, W. J.	"	"
Outlaw, Jimmie C.	Quitsna	Bertie
Peele, M. L.	Robersonville	Martin
Randall, Emily	Plymouth	Washington
Robbins, Sadie E.	Dardens	Martin
Satterfield, Jennie	Plymouth	Washington
Sanderlin, M. B.	Windsor	Bertie
Simmons, F. G.	Plymouth	Washington
Smallwood, Nellie	Quitsna	Bertie
Smallwood, Mary E.	Windsor	"
Smith, C. C.	Scotland Neck	Halifax
Smith, M. L	" "	"
Smith, Hattie L.	Plymouth	Washington
Spruill, A. N.	"	"
Simons, Katie	Rosemead	Bertie
Sutton, Hattie M.	Plymouth	Washington
Taylor, R. H.	"	"
Towe, E. I.	"	"
Twine, Mrs. G. A.	Pantego	Beaufort
Walker, M E	Plymouth	Washington
Williams, M. S.	Belhaven	Beaufort
Wilson, Jennie	Plymouth	Washington

PREPARATORY CLASS.

Alexander, P. C.	Plymouth	Washington
Bell, Lena	"	"
Belcher, Ashley	Ohio Pyle	Penn.
Blount, M L.	Plymouth	Washington
Bowen, E. E.	"	"

PREPARATORY CLASS, (Continued.)

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Chesson, Lena	Plymouth	Washington
Collins, M. L,	"	"
Collins, S. S.	"	"
Dance, A. A.	Belvidere	Perquimans
Dempsey, Maggie	Plymouth	Washington
Downing, B. F	"	"
Everett, M. C.	Boston	Mass.
Faison, Pattie	Plymouth	Washington
Faulk, K. D.	"	"
Felton, M. N.	"	"
Forest, Maggie	"	"
Freeman, L. V.	"	"
Garrett, C. P.	"	"
Gibbs Hattie	"	"
Hall, Ellis	"	"
Hardy, A. L.	"	"
Harrington, James	"	"
Hyman, W. N.	"	"
Jennett, Rebecca B.	"	"
Jennett, R. Butler	"	"
Jennett, Victoria	"	"
Jennett, Alkana	"	"
Jones, Talline	"	"
Johnson, Lenora L.	Boston	Mass.
Leathers, Mary	Plymouth	Washington
Mercer, Clementine	"	"
McCleese, Nellie	"	"
Moore, R. J	"	"
Moore, Ella	"	"
Moore, Emma E.	"	"
Moore, J Daniel	"	"
Moore, John D	"	"
Nichols, E E.	"	"
Reid, H. E	Qaitsna	Bertie
Riddick, Aaron	Plymouth	Washington
Satterfield, Carrie	"	"
Simons, Rosa	"	"
Simons, Esther	"	"
Smithwick, L C	"	"
Smith, J. J.	"	"
Sutton, A. N.	"	"

PREPARATORY CLASS (Continued.)

NAME	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Tharpe, S. F.	Plymouth	Washington
Toodle, C. T.	"	"
Towe, M. S.	"	"
Walker, L E	"	"
Walker, Johnny	"	"
Webb, Edward	"	"
Williams, H. E.	"	"
Wiggins, Undean	"	"
Winborne, A. R.	"	"
Wynne, A L.	"	"

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Senior Class,	4	3	7
Middle Class,	16	22	38
Junior Class,	10	56	66
Preparatory Class,	14	42	56
Total,	44	123	167

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY
	CLASS OF 1899.	
Eure, Sarah A.	Willow	Gates.

FORMER GRADUATES.

W. H. Nichols, Jamesville, N. C. W. W. Ryan, Windsor, N. C.	Class 1888.
Dr. A. L. Winslow, Danville, Va. B. F. Simmons, Pantego, N. C.	Class 1889.
J. H. M. Butler, Greensboro, N. C. Martha A. Newby, E. City, N. C.	Class 1891.
D. W. White, Colerain, N. C. W. A. Taylor, Hertford, N. C. G. S. Boomer, Stonewall, N. C. B. H. Riddick, Edenton, N. C. G. T. Hill, Creswell, N. C. Z. W. White, Belvidere, N. C. Hester A. White, Plymouth, N. C.	Class 1892.
R. R. Cartwright, Belcross, N. C. W. E. Bennett, Powellsville, N. C. Jane E. Goodman, Wiggins X Roads, N. C. Mary G. Moore, Edenton, N. C.	Class 1893.

FORMER GRADUATES (Continued)

Mary M. Sumner, Sunsbury, N. C. Rev. A. S. Dunston, Hertford N. C.	Class 1894.
W. A. Chance, Greenville, N. C. Rev. L. F. Sharp, Edenton, N. C.	Class 1895.
Peter H. Bell, Plymouth, N. C. John H. Coburn, Greenville, N. C. Bevily W. Dance, Weeksville, N. C. Alexander D. Green, Conoho, N. C. Butler F. Holly, Edenton, N. C. Reuben A. Lloyd, Williamston, N. C. William B. Sharp, Harrellsville, N. C. Charles M. Walker, Portsmouth, Va. Dora E. Shephard, Hertford, N. C.	Class 1897.
Henry C. Bembry, Plymouth, N. C. Ulyseses G. Holly, Cisco, N. C.	Class 1898.

RECAPITULATION OF ATTENDANCE.

SESSION.	SCHOLASTIC YEAR.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	COUNTIES REP.
First Session	1881-82	61	30	91	8
Second Session	1882-83	26	29	55	7
Third Session	1883-84	47	54	101	19
Fourth Session	1884-85	53	51	104	7
Fifth Session	1885-86	42	42	84	
Sixth Session	1886-87	26	38	64	7
Seventh Session	1887-88	35	49	84	11
Eighth Session	1888-89	38	68	106	13
Ninth Session	1889-90	39	84	123	14
Tenth Session	1890-91	45	74	119	14
Eleventh Session	1891-92	40	88	128	17
Twelfth Session	1892-93	36	104	140	19
Thirteenth Session	1893-94	50	111	161	19
Fourteenth Session	1894-95	62	118	180	17
Fifteenth Session	1895-96	52	132	184	16
Sixteenth Session	1896-97	58	115	173	17
Seventeenth Session	1897-98	72	133	205	15
Eighteenth Session	1898-99	44	123	167	14

From the above figures it will be seen that the Plymouth State Normal School is improving and growing more popular every year. A. Hicks, Jr., (now dead), was Principal the first two sessions; H. P. Cheatham filled the same position the third and fourth sessions; J. W. Pope was Principal the fifth session. H. C. Crosby was elected Principal in the autumn of 1886. Under his management, there was erected,

at a cost of several hundred dollars, a beautiful two story frame building, 25 ft. x 60 ft., especially for the accommodation of Plymouth State Normal. Where else in North Carolina has there been constructed a building expressly for a State Colored Normal School? Nowhere. This fact should be emphasized, and credit given to whom credit is due. There is no better Colored Normal School in North Carolina than that located at Plymouth. Its graduates are among the best colored teachers in Eastern North Carolina. It has, in seventeen years, sent out more than a hundred and twenty young men and women to instruct the youth and bless the homes of the colored citizens of the State. This institution is a fountain of life and light in its section—a truth emphasized by results.

The new course of study adopted by the State Board of Examiners is intended to make the teachers more efficient and thus do better work in the Public Schools of the State. It is not to hinder but to hasten the day of better equipped teachers who being better qualified will keep out of this noble profession those who use it simply as a stepping stone to something higher. It is the beginning of the dawn of a better day for the colored teachers in North Carolina. Plymouth State Normal was established for the specific purpose of TRAINING COLORED TEACHERS IN THE COMMON SCHOOL BRANCHES; and along this line we have labored faithfully, and endeavored to do our work as thoroughly as possible, but we have not failed to give attention to MORAL TRAINING as well; for we believe now, as we always have, that the training of the heart is of more importance than that of the head. We believe in virtue, truthfulness, honesty, industry, and economy, for without these no home can be happy and no people prosperous. Dissipated men and women do not make consistent companions or parents; they seldom contribute to the happiness or prosperity of a State; they take no interest in the future good or welfare of their fellow men. On the contrary, the lives of immoral people are a constant menace to peace, civil liberty and good government. It is better to remain ignorant, with a pure heart and an upright life, than to get a college diploma, and afterwards go to the penitentiary or live in a brothel. Plymouth Normal is doing her share in purifying the moral atmosphere of the home. Our boys and girls must be brought up in the right way, or their lives will be a disgrace. We want to help brighten the prospects of the next generation, and we can only do so by properly training the teachers of the public schools. The SEWING DEPARTMENT

which was a new feature added session before last grew in great favor with both students and patrons of the school. Some say it has done the colored people in this section hundreds of dollars worth of good in teaching the girls how to make their own garments. The work of this department was gratifying in every respect. Some (200) two hundred garments were made during the first session, besides knitting, crocheting, quilting, working of head rests, chair tidies, and other needle work was taught. Nearly every dress worn by the young ladies at the closing exercises of the school for the past two years was made by the students. Where else in North Carolina have the students of a Normal School made their own commencement costumes? Nowhere. Parents and visitors who have examined our work in all the departments expressed themselves surprised at the results. The excellent results of the Music Department which was added last session far surpassed anything ever seen in the Plymouth State Normal School. Although the school is eighteen years old there was not a young person in the town who dared to play a piece for the Sunday-school or church until this past session. The students that session not only gained a fair knowledge of music but some of the more enerjetic organized themselves into a musical concert and gave a very creditable entertainment in a neighboring town.

Parents, guardians, and friends of Negro education we appeal to you in behalf of your children to send your sons and daughters to Plymouth State Normal School. The Faculty is ever on the alert to improve this already famous institution and no pains are spared to place the Plymouth State Normal School in her rightful place—the leading Normal School in the State.

Now to all who desire the Negro youth of the State educated let me say to you, I am especially anxious for you to send your sons and daughters to Plymouth Normal. It is the nearest to you, and your traveling expenses will be less than if you send elsewhere. Our instruction is practical and thorough, and the moral training of your children will be our first care. (Be sure to read testimonials).

For further information write the PRINCIPAL,

J. W. McDONALD, A. M.,
Plymouth, N. C.

Lock Box 83.

TESTIMONIALS.

What White and Colored Friends Who Visited Our School Say:

"By invitation of the Principal, Prof. J. W. McDonald, I visited the Plymouth State Normal School and found the work in all the departments of a very high quality. From the moral instruction given we were convinced that the faculty realizes the necessity of instructing the heart as well as the mind. From the interest manifested and the work this school is doing, we predict a bright and useful future. Surely if Prof. McDonald, whose interest in the work and earnest efforts are being so highly rewarded, is kept at the head of this institution, ere long it will be among the leading Industrial and Training schools of the South."

Editor W. F. AUSBON.

PLYMOUTH, N. C.

"It gives me pleasure to state that I have seen something of the work of the Plymouth Colored Normal School under the management of Prof. John McDonald, and I am pleased with the work being done. From my acquaintence with Prof. McDonald I have found him always pleasant and upright. I believe he is the right man in the right place and is doing a good work for his people. Sincerely,

J. L. CUNINGGIM,
Pastor M. E. Church.

REV. J. W. MCDONALD, Principal State Normal School, Plymouth, N. C.

"DEAR SIR:—In accepting the invitation given by you some time ago to address the students of your school, I have nothing to regret. I saw enough to convince me that the school is under excellent control, and that the students are making good progress. I was impressed with the thoroughness of the work done by you and your colleagues. You are doing a great work for the colored people of this section."

Yours, &c., F. T. WOOTEN,
Pastor Baptist Church.

Plymouth, N. C.

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PLYMOUTH, N. C.

"To whom it may concern Not long since it was my pleasure to visit the Colored State Normal School at Plymouth, N. C., now under the skilful management of Prof. J. W. McDonald. I consider this school an honor to the State and a blessing to the colored race. Prof. McDonald is a native of this town, well educated, a thorough disciplinarian, and has so conducted himself that he has the confidence of both white and colored. We regard it as absolutely unnecessary for any colored boy or girl to go away from Eastern N. C., in order to receive a thorough, practical education. I spent an hour or two in the different departments of the school and judging from the work of the various classes, Prof. McDonald is aided by a competent faculty Since his election as Principal of this school Prof. McDonald has added an industrial department, which proved a valuable addition. I regard this young man, now Principal of the Plymouth State Normal, as one of the most competent to fill the position of any among his race within my knowledge He is not only qualified in head, but in heart as well which I regard as very essential in a school teacher. I take great pleasure in recommending the Plymouth State Normal and its worthy Principal to the colored race throughout the Old North State."

D. W. DAVIS,
Pastor Disciple Church.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

PROF. J. W. MCDONALD, Prin. Plymouth State Normal School, Plymouth, N. C.

"DEAR SIR:—It gives me pleasure to add my feeble tribute of commendation to the character and sort of work you are doing as Principal of the State Normal School there. Permit me to say that it was my pleasure to visit you in the school-room, to witness one of your impromptu literary meetings (Anniversary of Lincoln's birth day) and have seen something of the deportment of your students, both in and out of school, from all of which I can form something of a fair opinion. I am pleased to say that I think the management of the school excellent; the instruction thorough and painstaking; discipline strict but mild and withal the whole tenor of the work evidences zeal and consecration for

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the greatest good to the greatest numbers. I must also add that the sewing department annex is, I believe, something in advance of any similar institution in the State, and bids fair to qualify the graduates above average normalities. I have visited four of the Colored Normals in the State and I do not hesitate to say the Plymouth State Normal School is far ahead of them all." REV. C. C. SOMMERVILLE,
Dist. Missionary, Eastern North Carolina.

"From several visits to the Plymouth State Normal School and comparing its work with that of the many other schools which I have visited in the State, I feel justified in saying that the Plymouth State Normal stands head among those of its class." J. J. JONES,
Student, Leonard Medical College.

"It has been my privilege to make many visits to the Plymouth State Normal School under the skillful management of Prof. J. W. McDonald, and am greatly pleased with the work being done for the young men and women of our race. He is giving his pupils a thorough training in all the English branches." HENRY WILLIAMS,
Pharmaceutical Student, Shaw University.

"I attended a portion of the closing exercises of Plymouth State Normal School which were very interesting and showed the excellent training the students of this school are receiving. This school is looked upon, by both white and colored as a valuable institution of learning, and is doing splendid work for the colored race. Prof. McDonald and his assistants deserve especial credit for the wonderful success attained by this school during the past year." F. F. FAGAN,
Ass't. P. M.

EDWARD, N. C.

PROF. J. W. MCDONALD.

DEAR SIR:—I take this occasion to compliment the educational authority that secures your valuable services as Principal of the Plymouth

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State Normal School. I am

Very truly yours,

BURTON STILLEY,
County Supervisor of Beaufort Co., N. C.